



## 2. Prayer support

A Christian organization, FMSC believes our mission to feed God's starving children hungry in body and spirit is only possible with God's help and direction. Jesus is the reason that Feed My Starving Children exists. We strive to follow His calling every day in all that we do. For these reasons, FMSC believes prayer is a critical component for each MobilePack in the weeks leading up to your event, at the event and even after the packed food has been shipped.

However, we welcome all people to pack and receive our food without regard to faith. We partner regularly with churches as well as civic groups, businesses and public schools. Please let your FMSC Event Planner know if your company or school is not comfortable or legally free to publicly invite volunteers to pray. We have a procedure in place that has worked well in these settings and are happy to share it as needed.

For FMSC, history has proven that prayer translates into success. In fact, more than 99% of FMSC meals have successfully reached their intended destination, which we attribute to answered prayer and God's help. As the Prayer Team, you can help make your MobilePack part of that success!

# Prayer throughout the process



## As soon as possible

### Pray through the planning

- » Lead devotionals and prayer at team meetings.
- » Collect prayer requests from team members.
- » Share all requests with all teams and provide updates on progress.
- » Pray for all aspects of event planning on a regular basis.
- » Pray for the volunteers and donors who will be invited to participate in your event.



## One to four weeks prior to event

### Pray as the event draws near

- » Pray for specific volunteers or groups of volunteers who have signed up for packing shifts.
- » Work with Promotion Team to communicate prayer needs to the community and volunteers.
- » Work with Promotion Team to share how God is working in the event planning process and how prayers have been answered. For example, the Promotion Team can update your event's Facebook page by sharing how a specific prayer was answered.
- » Pray that those who are able to support your MobilePack financially will feel called to do so.



## During the event

### Pray at your MobilePack

- » Thank God for the volunteers coming to pack food.
- » Pray that the volunteers will feel God's presence as they pack.
- » Pray that the mission of FMSC will be carried out safely and expediently.
- » Pray for the partners who will distribute the food packed at your event.
- » Pray for the children who will receive the food packed at your event.
- » Pray over the pallets of packed food.
- » Invite all volunteers to pray over the pallets of packed food at the end of each shift. (This is optional; volunteers are free to leave before this point if they prefer.)

## PRAYER EXAMPLES

- » "Lord, we thank you for the opportunity to come together to serve you and your children around the world today."
- » "We pray for protection of those who will deliver these meals to FMSC partners around the world."
- » "We pray for guidance and safety for FMSC partners who go to great lengths to get this lifesaving food to the people and communities who need it most."
- » "We pray for the children who will receive these meals, that this food replenishes their bodies and spirits in Jesus' name."

## Prayer tools

Below we have provided some specific ideas to help you pray through your MobilePack event. We encourage you to use the prayer calendar template on Page 21 to plan your prayer schedule.

### PRAY FOR THE CORE TEAMS

The members of the seven core teams will need God's Spirit to sustain them through the long process of preparing for a MobilePack event. You can offer to lead devotions at team meetings, collect individual prayer requests and pray for them in their event roles.



#### Team 1: Leadership

Your Host/Leader has answered God's call to feed the hungry through a MobilePack event. Pray for him/her to receive an abundance of wisdom, perseverance, patience and energy.



#### Team 2: Prayer

As the Prayer Team, your role is critical to the success of the event. Remember to pray for yourselves and each other!



#### Team 3: Promotion

The Promotion Team spreads the word about your MobilePack event throughout the community. Pray for their message to be clear and compelling to stir excitement.



#### Team 4: Fundraising

The Fundraising Team works with donor-volunteers to help the event meet its financial goals. Pray for them to inspire people to be generous toward God's starving children.



#### Team 5: Logistics

The Logistics Team mobilizes many people before, during and after the event, including forklift operators and truck drivers. Pray for their protection and safety as they work.



#### Team 6: Volunteer Coordination

The Volunteer Coordination Team welcomes and organizes people to turn hunger into hope with their own two hands. Pray that God would use them to draw the entire community together.



#### Team 7: Hospitality

The Hospitality Team can make your MobilePack event a powerful experience for everyone involved. Pray for them to help the volunteers know that they are loved and valued by God and making a huge difference.

## PRAY FOR FMSC'S INTERNATIONAL FOOD DISTRIBUTION PARTNERS

FMSC partners with organizations around the world to distribute food to God's hungriest children. Please pray for those organizations and the countries they serve ([fmsc.org/impact-of-our-work/what-makes-us-different/distribution-partners](https://fmsc.org/impact-of-our-work/what-makes-us-different/distribution-partners)).

## PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE

All verses provided are from the NIV translation.

- » "...He rained down manna for the people to eat, he gave them the grain of heaven." – Psalm 78:24
- » "...for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things." – Psalm 107:9
- » "He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry." – Psalm 146:7
- » "The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor." – Proverbs 22:9
- » "...and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday." – Isaiah 58:10
- » "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." – Jeremiah 29:11
- » "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat..." – Matthew 25:35
- » "For no word from God will ever fail." – Luke 1:37
- » "He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty." – Luke 1:53
- » "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." – Luke 6:38
- » "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded..." – Luke 12:48
- » "Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law." – Romans 13:10
- » "...always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else." – 1 Thessalonians 5:15
- » "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress..." – James 1:27
- » "Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." – 1 John 3:18
- » "In his name the nations will put their hope." – Matthew 12:21
- » "But God will never forget the needy; the hope of the afflicted will never perish." – Psalm 9:18



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# Prayer calendar template

Month: \_\_\_\_\_

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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# MobilePack prayer sample template

## SAMPLE PRAYER #1

Thank you for committing to pray for Feed My Starving Children and for our MobilePack event. Everything begins with prayer! This is such a worthy cause. The need is so great, and the statistics are heartbreaking!

According to UNICEF, 5.9 million children under the age of five die each year of all causes, but nearly half are due to hunger.\*\* From this data, FMSC estimates at least 6,200 children die each day from undernutrition. [\*\*UNICEF: The State of the World's Children 2016: A fair chance for every child]

Through orphanages, schools, clinics and feeding programs, hundreds of thousands of children are fed FMSC meals every day. Each meal costs just less than a quarter to produce and more than 90 percent of total donations received support the food program. Donor-volunteers pay for 100% of all FMSC meals – FMSC doesn't receive any government aid and is supported entirely by your donations. Thanks to God's grace and protection, more than 99% of the meals safely reach their intended destinations out of the more than 2 billion meals shipped in FMSC's history. FMSC has also earned consistent high ratings for integrity and trustworthiness from Charity Navigator.

## WATCH THIS OVERVIEW OF FMSC: HOPE STARTS WITH FOOD

[vimeo.com/190277851](https://vimeo.com/190277851)

- » "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done." – Proverbs 19:17
- » "The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor." – Proverbs 22:9
- » "Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." – 1 John 3:18

## LET'S PRAY:

- » For the millions of children who suffer from hunger and undernutrition and their communities, for their health, their spirits and their hearts.
- » For FMSC, for God's continued blessing and protection over the staff and partners all over the world as they serve Him daily.
- » For our MobilePack event.
- » For God's supernatural provision in funding and volunteers to make our MobilePack successful for His glory.
- » For all the hardworking teams: leadership, promotion, fundraising, logistics and volunteer coordination.
- » For guidance, direction and wisdom in decision-making for this MobilePack and for protection over everyone involved, that all volunteers and workers would feel God's presence and blessing.

## INSERT EVENT SPECIFIC PRAYERS HERE:

Thank You, God, for this opportunity to love others and serve as Your hands and feet. Worthy is the Lamb!



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## SAMPLE PRAYER #2

Mother Teresa has a way of reaching hearts and convicting us, likely because she didn't simply preach love, she lived it. She was a true example of "love in action." She was a living testament to Jesus' command to take care of the poor, the lonely and the most in need. When people would ask her why she did it, she would hold up her hand and count down on her five fingers and say, "You-did-it-to-Me." Five simple words to living out the gospel of Jesus Christ she called, "The gospel of five fingers."

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" – Matthew 25:34-40

## LET'S PRAY:

- » For God's children everywhere who are hungry in body and spirit. Let us always see Jesus in them!
- » For God's continued blessing and protection over FMSC staff and food partners all around the world as they daily do work for His Kingdom.
- » For our MobilePack event.
- » For God's wisdom and discernment in every aspect of our event.
- » For God's supernatural provision of funding and volunteers to make our MobilePack successful for His glory! We pray people feel led to serve and give for His glory!
- » For our volunteer coordinator for this event, \_\_\_\_\_, that volunteers would be plentiful and people's hearts would be touched to bring friends, groups and neighbors! That all volunteers and workers would feel God's presence and His blessing.

## INSERT EVENT SPECIFIC PRAYERS HERE:

May we seek to honor God in all we do and say to bring Him all the glory!



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### SAMPLE PRAYER #3

Every time I hear the word “starving,” I am convicted. Many children I know have no idea what it is like to be starving. And this is a huge blessing. Thank you, God! We have never had to choose which child to feed today. We haven’t had to watch babies die of hunger-related diseases. We haven’t had to see our own babies or those of dear friends have bloated bellies and protruding bones, unable to stand or walk. But so many moms around the world do. I would love for you to meet Nelson...

### WATCH: HOW NELSON’S LIFE CHANGED IN 1 YEAR

[youtu.be/suXCxmyanY](https://youtu.be/suXCxmyanY)

The good news is there is hope! Nelson is now healthy, walking and smiling. Praise God! But how many more Nelsons are out there? Too many! What can we do? Perhaps it is as simple as what we hear God speak to our hearts: Pray. Give. Serve. Love. We may not be able to feed all of them, but we can feed at least one. Just \$80 feeds one child FMSC meals for a whole year and can truly make a difference in a child’s life! Just look at Nelson...

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” – 2 Corinthians 9:7

### LET’S PRAY:

- » For the least of these, who are God’s children hungry in body and spirit.
- » For FMSC, for God’s wisdom and protection over each staff member, volunteer and partner who serves Him every day.
- » For our MobilePack event. We pray God’s provision of both volunteers and funding for this event. We pray God would soften people’s hearts to be generous to His children with their time and money.
- » For the promotion of our MobilePack event, that social media and marketing would move hearts and give people courage to volunteer and reach out to groups and friends to make a difference.
- » For any volunteer sessions that are in need of volunteers.

### INSERT EVENT SPECIFIC PRAYERS HERE:

We ask for protection and give thanks for this opportunity God is giving us to serve Him and bring Him glory! Worthy is the Lamb!





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## SAMPLE PRAYER #4

God's creation is magnificent! It is an amazing reminder of how miraculous and powerful God is and has been in our lives, often times in ways we take for granted or have forgotten. What miracles have you seen in your life? How have you seen God come through for you and seen Him tangibly at work in your life? Perhaps these are good things that happened that you, unexpected blessings you know in your heart are from God. His glory is woven all throughout our lives and His gifts are unending. I believe He blesses us for His good pleasure as our Father and for us to bless others.

Our gifts are not just for us; they are for others and meant to be shared. I think this is one way He shows us His creativity and Godly provision. Our MobilePack and FMSC have experienced this as well.

*[Give examples of what God has done for your MobilePack event so far, it could be volunteers are signing up with their friends, family and neighbors or unexpected donations, etc.]*

God is amazing in His provision! If we open our eyes to see God's gifts in our lives, it's easy to see how He wants us to use them for His glory. Listen closely for His voice and watch for unexpected, undeserved blessings in your life to share. I'd like to introduce you to Zinhle...

## FMSC FOOD AT WORK: ZINHLE

[youtu.be/2MM6sw5On0w](https://youtu.be/2MM6sw5On0w)

"He told them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'" – Luke 10:2

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." – Hebrews 13:16

## LET'S PRAY:

- » For the all the children around the world who are hungry in body and spirit.
- » For FMSC, for God's wisdom and protection over all the staff, volunteers and partners who serve Him every day.
- » For our MobilePack event. We pray God's provision in both volunteers and funding for this event. We pray the God of the Harvest would soften people's hearts to be generous to His children with both their time and money. We pray for the leadership team and our FMSC Development Advisor, who honors God by working hard for others every day.
- » For God's perfect peace and blessing on our nation! He is on the Throne!

## INSERT EVENT SPECIFIC PRAYERS HERE:

Thank you, Lord, for giving us this opportunity to share our blessings, gifts and time. May this bring You glory! Worthy is the Lamb.



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## SAMPLE PRAYER #5

Have you ever kept a gratitude journal? It's a good reminder to pay attention to what God is doing, even in the midst of tragedy, heartache and frustrating times. There is truly always something to thank God for – air in our lungs, the gift of living another day – so many things we often take for granted!

We are called to live a life of thanksgiving and praise. But sometimes in difficult circumstances and struggles, it's tough to be thankful. Gratitude is an amazing key to finding God in the dark. Gratitude thanks God for all things, good and bad. Gratitude trusts Him to use all things for our good and His Glory. Gratitude praises Him in the storm. Let's give thanks to God for WHO HE IS and not for how we feel or the circumstance we find ourselves in. The days when it's the most difficult to praise Him are the days we need to thank Him the most.

It always comes back to the cross. Jesus took our shame and sin. He stood in our place. He suffered, died and rose from the dead for us. The cross is the foundation for all gratitude! A grateful heart enables abundance in our lives. Praise and thanksgiving open the door to the very Presence of God. The more we spend time in His Presence, the more we will want to be with Him. He is such a good Father. I'd like to introduce you to Emmanuel...

## FOOD AT WORK: EMMANUEL'S STORY

[youtu.be/DphtI9QoEH0](https://youtu.be/DphtI9QoEH0)

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

"I will give thanks to the Lord because of his righteousness; I will sing the praises of the name of the Lord Most High." – Psalm 7:17

## LET'S PRAY:

- » For all of God's precious children around the world who are hungry in body and spirit. Heal them, Lord!
- » For FMSC, for God's wisdom and protection over all the staff, volunteers and partners who serve Him every day.
- » For our MobilePack event. We pray God's provision in both volunteers and funding for this event. We pray our good Father would touch people's hearts to be generous to His children with both their time and finances.
- » For the logistics team, for God's perfect timing in coordination of the trucks, forklifts, lighting and all other MobilePack details. Protect us from worry and frustration and leave us with Your perfect peace!
- » For this amazing opportunity to be God's hands and feet to feed His children.

## INSERT EVENT SPECIFIC PRAYERS HERE:

Thank You, God, for giving us the ability to share our blessings, gifts and time. It's all for You and Your glory, Father! Worthy is the Lamb.



# MobilePack prayer sample template

## SAMPLE PRAYER #6

Our MobilePack event is almost here! This is exciting! May the Lord remind us and keep us focused on Him and the importance of this event. It's easy for us to get caught up in the little details, problems and worries. However, God is our Provider. He called us to do this and He will provide everything we need. As our focus shifts to His power, His glory and His will, we are assured that He is Sovereign and He holds every detail in His hands. It is a tremendous PRIVILEGE that He allows us to serve and feed His children. He ALLOWS us to be His hands and feet. It is for us and for others. It is all for His Glory and to make His name known. It is to grow us and to let others see Jesus in us. May they see You in us, Lord, and may we bring you glory through this event! Thank you for your life-giving provision!

## WATCH: THANK YOU FROM FMSC PARTNERS

[youtu.be/9-W1mqtjkqg](https://youtu.be/9-W1mqtjkqg)

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." – Philippians 4:6-7

"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus." – Philippians 4:19

Let's all commit to pray consistently this week for our event, that God would shine in us and through us so that others may know Him. May the messages about our event spread far and wide!

## LET'S PRAY:

- » For FMSC: for protection, travel mercies and continued blessings over FMSC staff and partners.
- » Pray for the least of these, for God's hungry children physically and spiritually all around the world.
- » Pray that hearts would melt and be generous with their time and finances for these children.
- » Pray in thanksgiving, for the privilege of being a part of feeding His children, showing His love and serving the King.

Good Father, be with us this week as we work through the final details of this MobilePack. We pray Your provision and protection over our event, that You would bless us with enough volunteers to pack the meals. We pray each person You bring to this MobilePack would be blessed by their experience and see Your love in action. We pray each child who receives a meal packed by our hands is blessed in body and spirit by the love given in Your name.

## INSERT EVENT SPECIFIC PRAYERS HERE:

We thank You that You are a big God! Thank You for being in control. Thank You for this opportunity to know and love You more. Worthy is the Lamb! We ask all these things in Jesus' precious name, amen.